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# Grant Program for Lead-Based Paint Testing in Small Rental Properties

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*Take advantage  
of this opportunity  
to have Montgomery County  
help pay for the cost of having  
your small rental property  
tested for lead-based paint.*

Owners of multifamily rental properties **built before 1950** are subject to on-going affirmative testing and disclosure requirements under Maryland and federal law! But, if a property is certified lead-free by an accredited inspector, the owner is freed of all further responsibilities regarding lead-based paint under state and federal law!

If lead-based paint is discovered, you may be able to abate the lead and be certified lead-free. You may apply to the County's low-interest loan program, the **Rehabilitation Program for Small Rental Properties**, to finance the abatement.

***Act now!***

For more information or to apply,  
contact Tina Poole Johnson at  
Montgomery Housing  
Partnership, Inc.  
301-946-0882 x11 or  
tjohnson@mhpartners.org

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- 1. Eligible Properties:** Multifamily rental properties built before 1950 or with an unknown construction date with between 2 and 40 units in the target area of greater Silver Spring and the City of Takoma Park that are **registered with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)**.
  - 2. Leveraging:** The County will reimburse all eligible testing costs up to a maximum grant of \$75 per unit. The maximum grant per property will be \$1,200.
  - 3. Eligible Testing Costs:** In order to be eligible for reimbursement under this program, the test must be a lead-based paint test by an **inspector accredited by MDE** according to the testing protocol necessary for the property to be certified lead-free under Maryland law. The County will reimburse testing costs even if lead paint is found as long as the test was conducted according to the proper testing protocol. Owners may also choose to test to the standards necessary to be certified lead-free under federal law, and the County will reimburse testing costs up to the maximum amounts specified. In order to be eligible for a grant, the test, by an accredited inspector, must have been or must be conducted after January 30, 2001 and no later than June 30, 2003. **The cost of lead dust testing is NOT eligible for a grant under this program.**
  - 4. Application Procedure:** The applicant must submit a completed application form with a copy of the test results and the receipt for payment. MHP will process the application and send the completed and verified application to DHCA for approval and payment.
  - 5. Owner's Commitment:** In exchange for the testing grant, the property owner agrees to abate any lead-based paint discovered in the testing or to comply with Maryland and federal law related to lead-based paint if abatement is not practicable. Property owners may apply separately to the County's Rehabilitation Program for Small Rental Properties for a low-interest loan to finance abatement work.
  - 6.** These guidelines may be waived at the discretion of the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
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## ***Lead-based paint issues got you confused?***

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Bring your questions to a

### **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION On Lead-Based Paint Issues**

James Bolton  
Department Head  
Environmental Site Assessments  
CONNOR Environmental Services

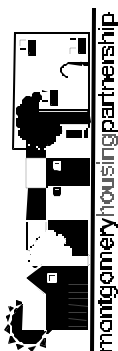
Will be there to give you the answers!

Thursday, September 12, 2002  
8 AM to 9 AM  
*Light breakfast will be served.*

Norman L. Christeller  
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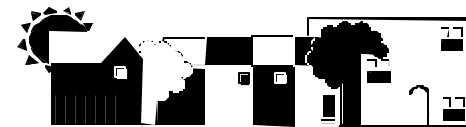
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## **APARTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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